



City Manager's Weekly Update

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Upcoming Meetings:

Dec. 16th Planning Commission ([agenda](#))
Dec. 25-Jan. 1st City Hall Closed (Holiday Closure)
Jan. 13 Council Meeting

Executive Summary

City Staff Geared Up and Tackled Storm Head-On

A week ago the Weather Service advised of a potentially large storm that would impact the entire bay area on Thursday, December 11th.

In preparation of this storm, Public Works Maintenance Crews stocked up on loose sand and bags, purchased additional chainsaws and safety equipment, cleared and monitored drain and creek inlets, checked pumping stations, inspected Water Dog dam, dock, roadway, and v-ditch along Water Dog Lake Road, equipped all work vehicles with necessary tools, equipment, cones and barricades. Staff also staged heavy equipment such as backhoes and excavator at the San Juan Pump Station and the Corporation yard to speed response time and be available for the needed calls.

Thursday morning, the City opened up its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in City Hall. Public Works, Parks and Rec, Police, Fire, Information Services, and Cert Volunteers provided assistance from answering the phones, dispatching crews, keeping residents up-to-date of road closures and storm information on social media sites, monitored the storm movement, and provided the needed technical support.

In the field, crews were paired up and were assigned a quadrant of the city to monitor and respond to calls in their section. Staff cleared drain inlets, creek inlets, replenished all three sandbag locations multiple times throughout the storm (over 8,000 sand bags were disbursed), responded to sewer calls, and cleared downed tree branches and roadway hazards.

Fire personnel were dispatched to a number of storm related calls including significant flooding at the trailer park located in the County at 100 Harbor Blvd. in the Harbor/Industrial Area, which resulted in the evacuation of a significant number of residents. Additionally, nine CERT volunteers assisted in both the EOC and in the field, including at the shelter that was established for evacuees from 100 Harbor Blvd.

We would also like to thank the community for their help clearing the storm drain inlets by their homes to help with localized drainage issues in the neighborhoods.



Emergency Operations Center- logging calls



Emergency Operations Center- City Hall



Monitoring storm, and problem areas from the Emergency Operations Center



Overtaxed drain inlet during downpour- Hallmark & Lake



Flooding at Alameda and Ralston



Belmont Creek During Storm

[- YouTube Video](#)



Belmont Creek behind City Hall in Twin Pines

Storm Response Update from PG&E



As the storm continues to roll through Central California today, crews will continue working to restore new outages as fast as possible, but this work could stretch into Saturday depending on the scope of the area impacted and the severity of the weather.

On the Peninsula, we brought in additional personnel and equipment to our San Carlos and Colma Service Yards, so we could quickly respond to trouble across San Mateo County. We are working to complete repairs and restore the remaining customer outages and are watching the storm's trailing rain bands for restoration deployment.

As we work to restore power, safety is our top priority. Please follow these guidelines and share them with others:

- Stay away from downed and low-hanging power lines. If you see a downed power line, call 911 and then notify PG&E at **1-800-743-5002**.
- Be aware of trees, pools of water and other objects that may be in contact with power lines.
- During an outage, use battery-operated flashlights, and not candles, due to the risk of fire. If you must use candles, keep them away from drapes, lampshades, holiday trees and small children. Do not leave candles unattended.
- Please use caution as you move from one location to another, whether on foot, public transportation or your own vehicle. Distraction levels are high during storm activity. You need to be on alert to prepare for the unexpected.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

- Please visit pge.com from your mobile device or computer.
- Call **1-800-743-5002**.
- Visit our social media channels, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and [Currents](#)

Council Reorganization

At last Tuesday's Council Meeting, Councilmember David Braunstein was appointed Mayor and Eric Reed was appointed Vice Mayor, for 2015. Councilmember Warren Lieberman was also thanked for his service as Mayor for 2014 by the new Mayor and Vice Mayor along with Councilmembers Charles Stone and Cathy Wright.

Beautiful Belmont Awards

On Tuesday, the City Council recognized 5 recipients of the Beautiful Belmont Award. Since 2007, this program acknowledges property owners who have enhanced Belmont's community by making noticeable exterior improvements that have had a positive impact on the surrounding area.

Congratulations to this year's award winners:

Commercial Category:

[Wendy's - 698 Ralston Ave.](#)



[Fare - 1480 El Camino Real](#)

***Residential Category:***

[2032 Mezes Ave.](#)



[2704 All View Way](#)



[1101 O'Neill Ave. & 1308 Sunnyslope Ave.](#)



Belmont Hosts Rain Barrel Workshop

On Saturday December 6th, Belmont hosted a free rain barrel workshop. Residents throughout San Mateo County attended the workshop. The rain barrel workshop discussed the collection of rainwater for on-site landscape irrigation; how one can save water, reduce pollution, and information on receiving a rebate of up to \$100.

The workshop was presented in partnership by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and San Mateo County Water Pollution Prevention Program. Tom Bressan of The Urban Farmer Store explained why the use of rain barrels as alternative water systems are growing in popularity, how much water and money can be saved by installing the system, and which system works best for different people's needs.



Check out this cool video the San Mateo Countywide Pollution Prevention Program put together from the workshop! For more information, visit Flowstobay.org



[Rain barrel workshop video](http://Flowstobay.org)

Effective January 1, 2015- Paper Bag Fee Will Increase From .10¢ to .25¢

If you don't have a reusable bag when you go shopping in the new year, you will be charged .25 cents. The bag fee will increase from .10¢ to .25¢ starting January 01, 2015.

During the month of December Public Works will be giving away **FREE** reusable Chico bags while supplies last.

Visit Public Works located in suite 385 at City Hall between the hours of 8-noon and 1-5 M-F to obtain your bag.

These bags are compact, washable, and most of all, it promotes waste reduction. What a great gift idea too!



Belmont Fire Department Annual Open House & Toy Drive – Bring the Kids

The Belmont Fire Department wants to remind residents that their annual Toy Drive for children in need is in full swing. As part of this effort the department will be hosting an Open House at Fire Station 14, located at 911 Granada Street on December 19th from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. The event will include an opportunity to visit Santa, play in the snow tour the firehouse, meet your local firefighters and enjoy some refreshments. Although not required, people attending the open house are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to support the Toy Drive.



Additionally, anyone wishing to donate toys between now and December 25th can drop them off at either of the two fire stations:

- Station 14- 911 Granada Street (corner of Granada St. & Ralston Ave.)
- Station 15- 2701 Cipriani Boulevard (corner of Cipriani Blvd. & Ralston Ave.)

**SANTA AT THE
FIREHOUSE & TOY DRIVE**

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Date: Friday, Dec. 19th
Location: Station 14, 911 Granada St.
Belmont Fire Department

Bring a toy to be given to a local child in need!
Free refreshments, activities, and snow.
Meet your firefighters and bring your camera
for a picture with Santa.

Additional Toy Drop-Off Sites: Fire station 15 (2701 Cipriani Blvd.)
Questions?: Call Fire Dept. Administration (650) 595-7492

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We accept new, unwrapped toys such as dolls, puzzles, board games, toy trucks/cars and action figures. Please do not give DVD's or video games, as we never know what technology the child has access to. Also, we are unable to accept bicycles.

For further information on the Belmont Firefighters Toy Drive please contact the Belmont Fire Department Administrative Office at (650) 595-7492.

Parks and Recreation



Green Thumbs

Photos of the week! Our Parks and Recreation team and students of our Community Learning Center worked together to plant new trees at Barrett Community Center. Staff enjoyed teaching a hands on environmental education lesson and students enjoyed getting in the dirt! Parents are looking forward to seeing both the students and trees grow tall together!

Two Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*) trees planted as part of our Barrett Community Learning Center improvement project. The trees were planted in front of the preschool and the children have "adopted" the trees and will be watering them.

This portion of the project contributes to the City of Belmont's Tree City USA status through the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City USA program recognizes cities for their excellence in urban forestry management.



Belmont Community Learning Center Holiday Party

On December 4th, the Belmont Community Learning Center had its annual Holiday Party. Each classroom performed three holiday songs, followed by a fundraiser raffle to support our PTO, and even Santa came by for a visit! Over 150 community members participated in this cherished Belmont tradition. We will look forward to next year!





***When the Rain is On** ✓
Turn the Sprinklers Off ✗*

The drought is year-round, and so is conservation. During wet and cooler weather, **TURN OFF** your irrigation system and let nature do the watering for you.

For more conservation tips, please visit
www.MidPeninsulaWater.org/rebates

Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ December 2014 ~				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Class 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Club 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	2 9:00 Mindful Meditation 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	3 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	4 9:00 Garden Club 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	5 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 BINGO
8 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	9 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Foreign Film 12:30 Needlecrafts Group 12:30 Pedro Card Game	10 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts 3:00 Piano, Wine & Cheese Social (S)	11 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	12 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 BINGO 1:30 Mahjong
15 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 9:30 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	16 9:00 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:15 Classic Movie 12:30 Needlecrafts Group	17 8:45 Strength Training 9:30 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Computer Tutor 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Class 11:30 Holiday Lunch (S) 12:15 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	18 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group. Drop in! 2:00 History Group	19 9:30 Yoga w/ Adriana 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Go 4 Life Fitness Video 1:00 *NO Bingo today
22 <div>Closed for Maintenance</div>	23	<div>Dec 24, 2014 - Jan 2, 2015 Closed for the Holidays</div>		

**Some activities are drop-in, some require Signing up (S), some require Registration with Parks & Recreation (R)*

**Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.*

Belmont Public Library

December 2014



At the Belmont Library



http://www.facebook.com/smlbelmont

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Baby Storytime 3:30p Lego Club 3:30p Holiday Food Tasting 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Musical Storytime 11:00a Imagination Playground 3:30p Kids' Craft Club 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Comp. Class: Borrowing eBooks 3:30p Teen Gaming 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club 7:00p Pajama Storytime 7:00p 1st Wed. Bk Grp: <i>The River of Doubt</i> by Candice Millard 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Toddler ST 3:30p Imagination Playground 7:00p Tasty Pairings: Port, Wine and Cheese with Laura Stec 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Pres. Storytime 11:15a Russian Storytime 4:00p Science Club 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00a Holiday Open House 10:00a Friends Book Sale 3:00p Four Woods Holiday Concert
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00p Docent Lecture: Houghton Hall from The deYoung Museum 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Baby Storytime 3:30p Lego Club 3:30p Teen Holiday Party 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Musical Storytime 11:00a Imagination Playground 3:30p Kids' Craft Club 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Computer Coach 3:30p Teen Gaming 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club 7:00p Pajama Storytime 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Toddler ST 2:00p Mystery Bk Grp: <i>The Scarecrow</i> by Michael Connelly 3:30p Imagination Playgr. 6:15p Teen Study Night 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Preschool ST 11:15a Russian Storytime 4:00p Science Club 7:00p First Friday Flicks: <i>How to Train Your Dragon 2</i> 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Family ST 11:00a Imagination Playground 2:00p A Downton Abbey Christmas
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00p Carlmont Improv Showcase 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Baby Storytime 12:00p Senior Health Talk: Healthy Holiday Meals 3:30p Lego Club 3:30p Teen Movie 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Musical ST 11:00a Imagination Playground 3:30p Kids' Craft Club 6:30p Paws for Tales 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Comp Class: Instagram 3:30p Teen Gaming 6:30p Needles & Hooks Club 7:00p Holiday Songs and Stories 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Toddler ST 3:30p Imagination Playground 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Pres. Storytime 11:15a Russian Storytime 7:00p Reel Musical Film: <i>Umbrellas of Cherbourg</i> 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:00p North Pole Review with the Fratello Marionettes
21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Baby Storytime 11:00a Imagination Playground 3:30p Lego Club 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Musical Storytime 11:00a Imagination Playground 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Computer Coach 11:00a Imagination Playground 12:00p Drop-in Drawing LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5:00p	25 LIBRARY CLOSED	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Preschool ST 11:00a Imagination Playground 11:15a Russian Storytime 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Uke Storytime 11:00a Imagination Playground
28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Baby Storytime 11:00a Imagination Playground 12:00p Drop-in Letter Writing 3:30p Lego Club 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Musical Storytime 11:00a Imagination Playground 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30a Computer Coach 11:00a Imagination Playground 11:30a New Year's Party LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5:00p	KEY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages 		

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